the steps taken to enquire into their deals.'

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV): (a) to (c) The prices to bulk drugs and formulations under price control are fixed/revised and notified from time to time, in accordance with the provisions of Drug Prices Control Order, 1995. and it is an on going process.

(d) No such information has been received / brought to the notice of this Ministry so far.

(e) Question does not arise.

Increase in Demand for Coconuts

1947. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an increase in demand for coconuts all over the country;

(b) whether the Coconut Development Board has made an assessment of such trends;

(c) if so, its findings thereof;

(d) whether farmers in Andhra Pradesh will be encouraged to raise more coconut plantations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Board has not made any survey to assess the trend in the demand of coconuts all over the country. Therefore, such finding are not available.

(d) and (e) The Coconut Development Board is already providing assistance to the small and marginal farmers for expansion of area under coconut in Andhra Pradesh by providing subsidy at the rate of Rs. 6,000 per ha. split in three years.

An area of 3900 ha. is proposed to be covered during the current plan period.

Deaths in the Capital's Beggar Home

1948. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJ1RAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERM A:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of inmates of the Save Kutir' beggars' home in Delhi died due to negligence and lack of medication this year (1995);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the functioning of the beggar homes in the capital?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM. KESRI): (a) According to Government of N.C.T. of Delhi, only one inmate of Reception-cum-Classification Centre, Sewa Kutir, namely Shri Bappi Shankar alias Bappi Sarkar expired on 1st October, 1995. An Inquiry has been conducted by a senior I.A.S. Officer to ascertain whether the inmate had died due' to negligence and lack of medication. The report received in this regard is being examined by Social Welfare Department, Government of NCT of Delhi.

(b) Shri Bappi Shankar alias Bappi Sarkar expired on 1st October, 1995. Prior to his death he was taken on 30fh September, 1995 to the Poor House Hospital for medical treatment. The Medical Officer on duty referred him to Bara Hindu Rao Hospital. But before he could be taken to Bara Hindu Rao Hospital, he expired on 1st October, 1995.

(c) The Department Social Welfare, Governmenf of NCT of Delhi has issued instruction to the Superintendents of Beggar Homes of the Department to-be more vigilant and careful in respect of health aspect of inmates in general and ailing inmates in particular. There is a hospital in the 'Sewa Kutir' complex to cater to the needs of inmates.